

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Olentangy Teacher Finalist for State Honor – Delaware Gazette

- An art teacher from the Olentangy Local School District is a finalist for the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year award

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Candidates File for Council, School Board, Trustee Seats – This Week

- If all petitions are certified, voters in Reynoldsburg and Truro Township will see a few new names on the November ballot of candidates seeking seats on City Council, the Reynoldsburg Board of Education and the Truro Township Board of Trustees

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Enrollment Up; District Eyes More Construction – This Week

- The start of the school year Aug. 23 in the South-Western City School District will be the first in four years without the debut of new school buildings

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Filings Herald Changes for Council, BOE – This Week

- Residents are sure to see some new faces on Upper Arlington City Council next year since one incumbent and eight challengers have filed to run in this fall's election

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Westerville Students Return to Classes Aug. 17 – This Week

- The Westerville City School District has "momentum" going into the 2017-18 academic year that begins Thursday, Aug. 17, said Superintendent John Kellogg

Westerville Council, Township Races Contested But Not School Board – This Week

- The Westerville City School District, however, is poised to retain the same board through 2019

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

District's Idea Gets First Test – This Week

- When kindergarten students begin their school year Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Kae Avenue Elementary School, it will represent a benchmark for students and the district

Whitehall Voters Have Council, School Board Options – This Week

- Whitehall voters Nov. 7 will have several choices for seats on the school board and in all four wards of Whitehall City Council

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Challengers Abound in Local Races on Nov. 7 Ballot – This Week

- Local voters will have a packed Nov. 7 general-election ballot for city, school and township races

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

ODE Awards 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education this week awarded approximately \$44.3 million in new and continuing 21st Century Community Learning Center grants for Fiscal Year 2018

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants Awarded – ODE

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Senior Only Credential Program – ODE

- Here is more information for districts that want to create Senior Only Credential Programs. Here is a handout to help each district promote its Senior Only Credential Program

New Resource Explains Two Additional Graduation Options – ODE

- A new handout on graduation is now available for students who entered grade 9 between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, and their families

House Bill 49 Creates New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- Be sure to look at 5 Things You Should Know about College Credit Plus for district administrators, created by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Understand Differing District Responsibilities: Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy – ODE

- When a student is absent from school, even if excused for legitimate circumstances, the student is missing instruction. For some students, this happens too frequently. Chronic absenteeism and truancy have become the focus of both Ohio and federal concern for our children, but the difference between them can be confusing

Raise, Bonus Recommended for Ohio's Schools Chief – Columbus Dispatch

- Giving state Superintendent Paolo DeMaria high marks, a subcommittee of the state Board of Education recommended he receive a 2.5 percent raise and \$20,000 bonus after one year on the job

State Board of Education Committee Recommends Raise, Bonus for Superintendent – Hannah

- The State Board of Education's Executive Committee convened briefly to consider performance evaluations submitted by board members of State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and voted to recommend he receive a standard compensation raise and a bonus for his work

ODE Seeks Comments on Updates to ELA, Mathematics Model Curriculum – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is seeking comments on its proposed updates to Ohio's model curriculum for English language arts and mathematics in kindergarten through high school through an online survey

ODE Offers Resource to Meet Internet Safety Policies – Hannah

- The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires that schools' Internet safety policy provides measures for educating minors about appropriate online behavior

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

Ohio's Urban Districts Up, Suburbs Down in State Funding – Columbus Dispatch

- Most Ohio school districts will return to action during the next three weeks without much new state money to fund operations

Obhof Says Veto Overrides Coming Tuesday; Some May Wait – Hannah

- Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said he anticipates "a few" budget override votes will be held during the Senate's Tuesday session while others may be come back in September

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Rules Seek to Educate Parents, Young Athletes on Sudden Cardiac Arrest – Columbus Dispatch

- Under Lindsay's Law, which took effect this year, young athletes and their parents are required to watch an educational video about the causes and warning signs of cardiac arrest and sign off on paperwork that they understand

New Bill Would Define Duties, Qualifications of School Resource Officers – Hannah

- New bipartisan legislation introduced this week would define a school resource officer in the Ohio Revised Code, as well as their qualifications and responsibilities

Task Force Presentations Highlight Role of Health Care in Education, Community Poverty Intervention – Hannah

- The House Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty hosted two presentations at its meeting Thursday where members learned about the interaction between health policy and education, as well as how communities of different socioeconomic backgrounds can engage to fight poverty

Panel Briefed on Link between Health and Academic Achievement

- Improving academic achievement among poor Ohio students means being more proactive in making them healthier, a state panel studying poverty and education heard

Business Military Leaders Warn of STEM Workforce Skills Gap, Urge Greater Access to Pre-K – Hannah

- Ohio business and military leaders released a new report Wednesday at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery detailing how high-quality pre-K is important to developin STEM skills -- those capabilities in science, technology, engineering and math demanded in the 21st century workforce

Dem Legislation to Require School Safety Drills at Beginning of School Year – Hannah

- With students heading back to school this month, two Democratic lawmakers have introduced legislation that would require schools to hold a school safety drill at the beginning of the school year to identify gaps in safety plans

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Ohio Schools

ECOT Not Only Online School that Owes Money over Enrollment Issues – Columbus Dispatch

- The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow by far owes the most, but it is not the only Ohio online charter school being told to repay state money because of problems with verifying enrollment

As School Starts Again, Online Teachers Have to Prepare, Too – Columbus Dispatch

- Teachers of students who go to school online are tweaking their plans, posting lessons and trouble-shooting students' technical problems by phone before the school year starts

Schools Should Require Coding Courses, CMC Panelists Say – Hannah

- Students should be obligated to take classes on computer coding at some point during their compulsory K-12 education, according to business and workforce leaders in the Capital City

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Ohio Postsecondary

House Bill 49 Creates New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- Be sure to look at 5 Things You Should Know about College Credit Plus for district administrators, created by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

DeVos Undeterred by Critics Even as Agenda Remains Stalled – AP

- Among the paintings and photographs that decorate Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' sunlit, spacious office is the framed roll call from her Senate confirmation

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Education Policy & Finance

Proponents of Later School Start Times See Momentum – US News & World Report

- Schools in at least 19 states are planning to start the school day later this year, according to Start School Later, a nonprofit organization that advocates for later school start times

Later Start Times for Teens Improve Grades, Mood, and Safety – PDK

- New research shows that high school students benefit in many ways from later start times

The 2017 EdNext Poll on School Reform – EducationNext

- Public thinking on school choice, Common Core, higher ed, and more

How Does the 'Trump Effect' Change the Public's View of Education? – EdWeek

- If you're looking for someone to polarize debates about education policy, look no further than President Donald Trump. That's according to an opinion survey published Tuesday by Education Next, a K-12 policy journal

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Teacher Effectiveness

Characteristics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers in the United States: Results From the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This First Look report provides descriptive statistics and basic information from the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey Public School Teacher Data File

The Nation's Teaching Force Is Still Mostly White and Female – EdWeek

- Teachers tend to be white, female, and have nearly a decade and a half of experience in the classroom, according to new data released Monday by the federal government

Teacher Quality and Teacher Mobility – Education Finance and Policy

- There is growing concern among policy makers over the quality of the teacher workforce in general, and the distribution of effective teachers across schools. The impact of teacher attrition on overall teacher quality will depend on the effectiveness of teachers who leave the profession. Likewise, teacher turnover may alleviate or worsen inequities in the distribution of teachers, depending on which teachers change schools or leave teaching and who

replaces them. Using matched student–teacher panel data from the state of Florida, we examine teacher mobility across the distribution of effectiveness (as measured by teacher value added). We find that top-quartile and bottom-quartile teachers exit at a higher rate than do average-quality teachers. Additionally, as the share of peer teachers with more experience, advanced degrees, or professional certification increases, the likelihood of moving within-district decreases. We also find some evidence of assortative matching among teachers—more productive reading/language arts teachers are more likely to stay in teaching if they have more productive peer teachers

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

A New Kind of Classroom: No Grades, No Failing, No Hurry – New York Times

- At M.S. 442, students are encouraged to focus instead on mastering a set of grade-level skills, like writing a scientific hypothesis or identifying themes in a story, moving to the next set of skills when they have demonstrated that they are ready. In these schools, there is no such thing as a C or a D for a lazily written term paper. There is no failing. The only goal is to learn the material, sooner or later

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Advanced Placement Access and Success: How Do Rural Schools Stack Up? – ECS

- This joint report from the College Board and Education Commission of the States explores Advanced Placement (AP) in rural, suburban and urban schools and looks at data on student access, participation and performance across urbanities

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Curriculum

Hiding in Plain Sight: Leveraging Curriculum to Improve Student Learning – Chiefs for Change

- A relatively nascent but powerful body of research suggests that content-rich, standards-aligned, and high-quality curricula exert a powerful influence on student achievement. There is also early evidence that switching to a high-

quality curriculum may be a more cost-effective way to raise student achievement than several other school-level interventions

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in

purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester
STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year
STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers
STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes
STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the

requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political

subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Bocchieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: Introduced

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: Introduced

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located
STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs
STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment
STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals
STATUS: Introduced


SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school
STATUS: Introduced

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From: Derksen, Nick
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:51 AM
To: 'Joseph Weitz'
Subject: RE: Weekly Wrap 8/18/17 - A service of the ESC of Central Ohio

Joe,

Big fan of these emails.

For HB 170, the bill no longer makes an appropriation or a competitive grant program. It would now read as:

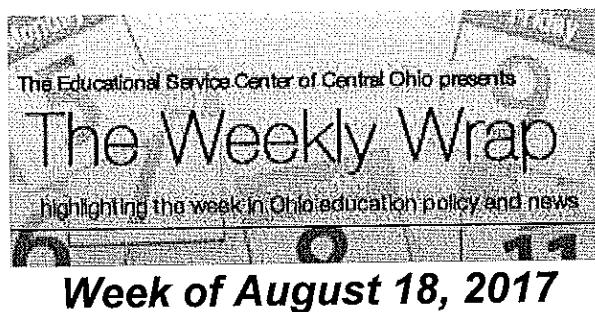
“With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds.”

Thanks!

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From: Joseph Weitz [mailto:Joseph.Weitz@escoco.org]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:20 PM
Subject: Weekly Wrap 8/18/17 - A service of the ESC of Central Ohio

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Please let Joe know if you have questions, requests, or would like to be added to the distribution list. Thank you.

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Levies Abound in Delaware County – This Week

- Delaware- and Sunbury-area voters will have lots of decisions to make in the fall, with several ballot issues to consider and plenty of candidates seeking local office

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Bexley Council, School Board Races Both Contested – This Week

- Voters in Bexley will see familiar names and a few new ones when they go to the polls this fall

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

As Retirement Nears, Good Focused on 2017-18 – This Week

- Students in Columbus City Schools will start the new year Aug. 23, just months before the superintendent plans to retire from the district

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Treasurer Search Narrowed to Two – This Week

- The candidates are Kristine Blind, treasurer of the London City Schools since 2011, and Felicia Drummey, treasurer of the Coshocton City Schools since 2014

Gahanna, Township Voters to See Races, Issues on Ballot – This Week

- Voters in Gahanna and the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools will see numerous candidate options when they go to the polls this fall

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Hilliard Students Return to Class Aug. 21 – This Week

- Approximately 16,500 students will return to classrooms Monday, Aug. 21, at Hilliard's 14 elementary schools, two sixth-grade buildings, three middle schools, three high schools, one preschool and the McVey Innovative Learning Center

'Balance' Should Stabilize Students, District Leaders – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that as they prepare for the beginning of another school year, their students have a myriad of opportunities for extended learning outside of the classroom

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Many Licking County Schools See Increases in State Aid – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools and Southwest Licking Local Schools are receiving 11.8 percent and 7.1 percent more respectively by fiscal year 2019

Facebook Shares Plans for \$750 Million Data Center in Licking County – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local School District will receive an estimated \$500,000 annually during the tax abatement period, according to the city of New Albany

Support Exists for Preserving Former Jersey Elementary School – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools asked residents what they wanted to see become of the former Jersey Elementary School

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

MHS' New AD Getting Involved in Stadium Projects – This Week

- Marysville High School's new athletics director is taking on a few big projects — \$8.9 million worth

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Most Students Return to Classes Aug. 17 – This Week

- When most New Albany-Plain Local School District students resume classes, Thursday, Aug. 17, they will return to a campus that has been changed significantly

'When,' Not 'If' Spurred Levy Call – This Week

- With no one except current officeholders filing petitions to run in three local-government races, the New Albany-Plain Local School District's funding request on the November ballot should take center stage for local voters

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Northridge Voters Have Ballot Decisions – This Week

- Voters in the Northridge Local Schools and Monroe Township will see numerous candidate options, along with an income-tax and bond issue, when they go to the polls this fall

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Olentangy Teacher Finalist for State Honor – Delaware Gazette

- An art teacher from the Olentangy Local School District is a finalist for the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year award

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Candidates File for Council, School Board, Trustee Seats – This Week

- If all petitions are certified, voters in Reynoldsburg and Truro Township will see a few new names on the November ballot of candidates seeking seats on City Council, the Reynoldsburg Board of Education and the Truro Township Board of Trustees

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Enrollment Up; District Eyes More Construction – This Week

- The start of the school year Aug. 23 in the South-Western City School District will be the first in four years without the debut of new school buildings

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Filings Herald Changes for Council, BOE = 2 This Week

- Residents are sure to see some new faces on Upper Arlington City Council next year since one incumbent and eight challengers have filed to run in this fall's election

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Westerville Students Return to Classes Aug. 17 – This Week

- The Westerville City School District has "momentum" going into the 2017-18 academic year that begins Thursday, Aug. 17, said Superintendent John Kellogg

Westerville Council, Township Races Contested But Not School Board – This Week

- The Westerville City School District, however, is poised to retain the same board through 2019

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

District's Idea Gets First Test – This Week

- When kindergarten students begin their school year Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Kae Avenue Elementary School, it will represent a benchmark for students and the district

Whitehall Voters Have Council, School Board Options – This Week

- Whitehall voters Nov. 7 will have several choices for seats on the school board and in all four wards of Whitehall City Council

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Challengers Abound in Local Races on Nov. 7 Ballot – This Week

- Local voters will have a packed Nov. 7 general-election ballot for city, school and township races

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

ODE Awards 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education this week awarded approximately \$44.3 million in new and continuing 21st Century Community Learning Center grants for Fiscal Year 2018

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants Awarded – ODE

- As promised, the Ohio Department of Education this week awarded approximately \$44.3 million in new and continuing 21st Century Community Learning Center grants for Fiscal Year 2018

Senior Only Credential Program – ODE

- Here is more information for districts that want to create Senior Only Credential Programs. Here is a handout to help each district promote its Senior Only Credential Program

New Resource Explains Two Additional Graduation Options – ODE

- A new handout on graduation is now available for students who entered grade 9 between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, and their families

House Bill 49 Creates New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- Be sure to look at 5 Things You Should Know about College Credit Plus for district administrators, created by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Understand Differing District Responsibilities: Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy – ODE

- When a student is absent from school, even if excused for legitimate circumstances, the student is missing instruction. For some students, this happens too frequently. Chronic absenteeism and truancy have become the focus of both Ohio and federal concern for our children, but the difference between them can be confusing

Raise, Bonus Recommended for Ohio's Schools Chief – Columbus Dispatch

- Giving state Superintendent Paolo DeMaria high marks, a subcommittee of the state Board of Education recommended he receive a 2.5 percent raise and \$20,000 bonus after one year on the job

State Board of Education Committee Recommends Raise, Bonus for Superintendent – Hannah

- The State Board of Education's Executive Committee convened briefly to consider performance evaluations submitted by board members of State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and voted to recommend he receive a standard compensation raise and a bonus for his work

ODE Seeks Comments on Updates to ELA, Mathematics Model Curriculum – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is seeking comments on its proposed updates to Ohio's model curriculum for English language arts and mathematics in kindergarten through high school through an online survey

ODE Offers Resource to Meet Internet Safety Policies – Hannah

- The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires that schools' Internet safety policy provides measures for educating minors about appropriate online behavior

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

Ohio's Urban Districts Up, Suburbs Down in State Funding – Columbus Dispatch

- Most Ohio school districts will return to action during the next three weeks without much new state money to fund operations

Obhof Says Veto Overrides Coming Tuesday; Some May Wait – Hannah

- Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said he anticipates "a few" budget override votes will be held during the Senate's Tuesday session while others may be come back in September

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Rules Seek to Educate Parents, Young Athletes on Sudden Cardiac Arrest – Columbus Dispatch

- Under Lindsay's Law, which took effect this year, young athletes and their parents are required to watch an educational video about the causes and warning signs of cardiac arrest and sign off on paperwork that they understand

New Bill Would Define Duties, Qualifications of School Resource Officers – Hannah

- New bipartisan legislation introduced this week would define a school resource officer in the Ohio Revised Code, as well as their qualifications and responsibilities

Task Force Presentations Highlight Role of Health Care in Education, Community Poverty Intervention – Hannah

- The House Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty hosted two presentations at its meeting Thursday where members learned about the interaction between health policy and education, as well as how communities of different socioeconomic backgrounds can engage to fight poverty

Panel Briefed on Link between Health and Academic Achievement – Columbus Dispatch

- Improving academic achievement among poor Ohio students means being more proactive in making them healthier, a state panel studying poverty and education heard

Business Military Leaders Warn of STEM Workforce Skills Gap, Urge Greater Access to Pre-K – Hannah

- Ohio business and military leaders released a new report Wednesday at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery detailing how high-quality pre-K is important to developing STEM skills -- those capabilities in science, technology, engineering and math demanded in the 21st century workforce

Dem Legislation to Require School Safety Drills at Beginning of School Year – Hannah

- With students heading back to school this month, two Democratic lawmakers have introduced legislation that would require schools to hold a school safety drill at the beginning of the school year to identify gaps in safety plans

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Ohio Schools

ECOT Not Only Online School that Owes Money over Enrollment Issues -- Columbus Dispatch

- The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow by far owes the most, but it is not the only Ohio online charter school being told to repay state money because of problems with verifying enrollment

As School Starts Again, Online Teachers Have to Prepare, Too – Columbus Dispatch

- Teachers of students who go to school online are tweaking their plans, posting lessons and trouble-shooting students' technical problems by phone before the school year starts

Schools Should Require Coding Courses, CMC Panelists Say – Hannah

- Students should be obligated to take classes on computer coding at some point during their compulsory K-12 education, according to business and workforce leaders in the Capital City

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Ohio Postsecondary

House Bill 49 Creates New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- Be sure to look at 5 Things You Should Know about College Credit Plus for district administrators, created by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

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Federal & US Department of Education

DeVos Undeterred by Critics Even as Agenda Remains Stalled – AP

- Among the paintings and photographs that decorate Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' sunlit, spacious office is the framed roll call from her Senate confirmation

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Education Policy & Finance

Proponents of Later School Start Times See Momentum – US News & World Report

- Schools in at least 19 states are planning to start the school day later this year, according to Start School Later, a nonprofit organization that advocates for later school start times

Later Start Times for Teens Improve Grades, Mood, and Safety – PDK

- New research shows that high school students benefit in many ways from later start times

The 2017 EdNext Poll on School Reform ? 3 EducationNext

- Public thinking on school choice, Common Core, higher ed, and more

How Does the 'Trump Effect' Change the Public's View of Education? – EdWeek

- If you're looking for someone to polarize debates about education policy, look no further than President Donald Trump. That's according to an opinion survey published Tuesday by Education Next, a K-12 policy journal

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Teacher Effectiveness

Characteristics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers in the United States: Results From the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This First Look report provides descriptive statistics and basic information from the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey Public School Teacher Data File

The Nation's Teaching Force Is Still Mostly White and Female – EdWeek

- Teachers tend to be white, female, and have nearly a decade and a half of experience in the classroom, according to new data released Monday by the federal government

Teacher Quality and Teacher Mobility – Education Finance and Policy

- There is growing concern among policy makers over the quality of the teacher workforce in general, and the distribution of effective teachers across schools. The impact of teacher attrition on overall teacher quality will depend on the effectiveness of teachers who leave the profession. Likewise, teacher turnover may alleviate or worsen inequities in the distribution of teachers, depending on which teachers change schools or leave teaching and who replaces them. Using matched student–teacher panel data from the state of Florida, we examine teacher mobility across the distribution of effectiveness (as measured by teacher value added). We find that top-quartile and bottom-quartile teachers exit at a higher rate than do average-quality teachers. Additionally, as the share of peer teachers with more experience, advanced degrees, or professional certification increases, the likelihood of moving within-district decreases. We also find some evidence of assortative matching among teachers—more productive reading/language arts teachers are more likely to stay in teaching if they have more productive peer teachers

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

A New Kind of Classroom: No Grades, No Failing, No Hurry – New York Times

- At M.S. 442, students are encouraged to focus instead on mastering a set of grade-level skills, like writing a scientific hypothesis or identifying themes in a story, moving to the next set of skills when they have demonstrated that they are ready. In these schools, there is no such thing as a C or a D for a lazily written term paper. There is no failing. The only goal is to learn the material, sooner or later

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Advanced Placement Access and Success: How Do Rural Schools Stack Up? – ECS

- This joint report from the College Board and Education Commission of the States explores Advanced Placement (AP) in rural, suburban and urban schools and looks at data on student access, participation and performance across urbanities

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Curriculum

Hiding in Plain Sight: Leveraging Curriculum to Improve Student Learning – Chiefs for Change

- A relatively nascent but powerful body of research suggests that content-rich, standards-aligned, and high-quality curricula exert a powerful influence on student achievement. There is also early evidence that switching to a high-quality curriculum may be a more cost-effective way to raise student achievement than several other school-level interventions

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations
STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database
Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Bocchieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66 TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74 INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77 SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80 SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87 COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: Introduced

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: Introduced

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision

commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and

2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment
STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals
STATUS: Introduced

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school
STATUS: Introduced

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Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:59 AM
To: Derksen, Nick
Subject: RE: Weekly Wrap 8/18/17 - A service of the ESC of Central Ohio

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Hi Nick,

Happy to hear you like the Wrap and thanks for the updated info! Please let me know if you ever need anything/have any questions.



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From: Nick.Derksen@ohiohouse.gov [mailto:Nick.Derksen@ohiohouse.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Joseph Weitz <Joseph.Weitz@escco.org>
Subject: RE: Weekly Wrap 8/18/17 - A service of the ESC of Central Ohio

Joe,

Big fan of these emails.

For HB 170, the bill no longer makes an appropriation or a competitive grant program. It would now read as:

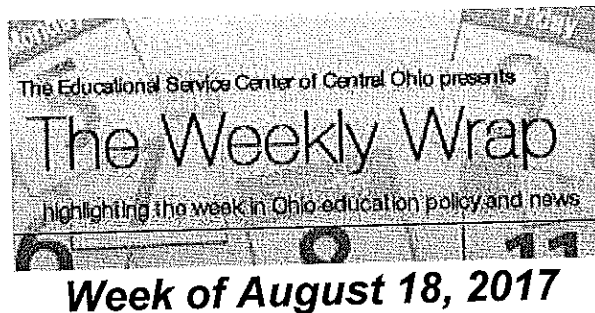
“With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds.”

Thanks!

Nick
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Please let Joe know if you have questions, requests, or would like to be added to the distribution list. Thank you.

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Central Ohio Schools

Levies Abound in Delaware County – This Week

- Delaware- and Sunbury-area voters will have lots of decisions to make in the fall, with several ballot issues to consider and plenty of candidates seeking local office

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Bexley Council, School Board Races Both Contested – This Week

- Voters in Bexley will see familiar names and a few new ones when they go to the polls this fall

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

As Retirement Nears, Good Focused on 2017-18 – This Week

- Students in Columbus City Schools will start the new year Aug. 23, just months before the superintendent plans to retire from the district

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Treasurer Search Narrowed to Two – This Week

- The candidates are Kristine Blind, treasurer of the London City Schools since 2011, and Felicia Drummey, treasurer of the Coshocton City Schools since 2014

Gahanna, Township Voters to See Races, Issues on Ballot – This Week

- Voters in Gahanna and the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools will see numerous candidate options when they go to the polls this fall

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Hilliard Students Return to Class Aug. 21 – This Week

- Approximately 16,500 students will return to classrooms Monday, Aug. 21, at Hilliard's 14 elementary schools, two sixth-grade buildings, three middle schools, three high schools, one preschool and the McVey Innovative Learning Center

'Balance' Should Stabilize Students, District Leaders – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that as they prepare for the beginning of another school year, their students have a myriad of opportunities for extended learning outside of the classroom

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Many Licking County Schools See Increases in State Aid – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools and Southwest Licking Local Schools are receiving 11.8 percent and 7.1 percent more respectively by fiscal year 2019

Facebook Shares Plans for \$750 Million Data Center in Licking County – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local School District will receive an estimated \$500,000 annually during the tax abatement period, according to the city of New Albany

Support Exists for Preserving Former Jersey Elementary School – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools asked residents what they wanted to see become of the former Jersey Elementary School

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

MHS' New AD Getting Involved in Stadium Projects – This Week

- Marysville High School's new athletics director is taking on a few big projects — \$8.9 million worth

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Most Students Return to Classes Aug. 17 – This Week

- When most New Albany-Plain Local School District students resume classes, Thursday, Aug. 17, they will return to a campus that has been changed significantly

'When,' Not 'If' Spurred Levy Call – This Week

- With no one except current officeholders filing petitions to run in three local-government races, the New Albany-Plain Local School District's funding request on the November ballot should take center stage for local voters

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Northridge Voters Have Ballot Decisions – This Week

- Voters in the Northridge Local Schools and Monroe Township will see numerous candidate options, along with an income-tax and bond issue, when they go to the polls this fall

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Olentangy Teacher Finalist for State Honor – Delaware Gazette

- An art teacher from the Olentangy Local School District is a finalist for the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year award

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Candidates File for Council, School Board, Trustee Seats – This Week

- If all petitions are certified, voters in Reynoldsburg and Truro Township will see a few new names on the November ballot of candidates seeking seats on City Council, the Reynoldsburg Board of Education and the Truro Township Board of Trustees

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Enrollment Up; District Eyes More Construction – This Week

- The start of the school year Aug. 23 in the South-Western City School District will be the first in four years without the debut of new school buildings

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Filings Herald Changes for Council, BOE – This Week

- Residents are sure to see some new faces on Upper Arlington City Council next year since one incumbent and eight challengers have filed to run in this fall's election

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Westerville Students Return to Classes Aug. 17 – This Week

- The Westerville City School District has “momentum” going into the 2017-18 academic year that begins Thursday, Aug. 17, said Superintendent John Kellogg

Westerville Council, Township Races Contested But Not School Board – This Week

- The Westerville City School District, however, is poised to retain the same board through 2019

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

District’s Idea Gets First Test – This Week

- When kindergarten students begin their school year Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Kae Avenue Elementary School, it will represent a benchmark for students and the district

Whitehall Voters Have Council, School Board Options – This Week

- Whitehall voters Nov. 7 will have several choices for seats on the school board and in all four wards of Whitehall City Council

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Challengers Abound in Local Races on Nov. 7 Ballot – This Week

- Local voters will have a packed Nov. 7 general-election ballot for city, school and township races

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

ODE Awards 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education this week awarded approximately \$44.3 million in new and continuing 21st Century Community Learning Center grants for Fiscal Year 2018

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants Awarded – ODE

- As promised, the Ohio Department of Education this week awarded approximately \$44.3 million in new and continuing 21st Century Community Learning Center grants for Fiscal Year 2018

Senior Only Credential Program – ODE

- Here is more information for districts that want to create Senior Only Credential Programs. Here is a handout to help each district promote its Senior Only Credential Program

New Resource Explains Two Additional Graduation Options – ODE

- A new handout on graduation is now available for students who entered grade 9 between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, and their families

House Bill 49 Creates New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- Be sure to look at 5 Things You Should Know about College Credit Plus for district administrators, created by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Understand Differing District Responsibilities: Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy – ODE

- When a student is absent from school, even if excused for legitimate circumstances, the student is missing instruction. For some students, this happens too frequently. Chronic absenteeism and truancy have become the focus of both Ohio and federal concern for our children, but the difference between them can be confusing

Raise, Bonus Recommended for Ohio's Schools Chief – Columbus Dispatch

- Giving state Superintendent Paolo DeMaria high marks, a subcommittee of the state Board of Education recommended he receive a 2.5 percent raise and \$20,000 bonus after one year on the job

State Board of Education Committee Recommends Raise, Bonus for Superintendent – Hannah

- The State Board of Education's Executive Committee convened briefly to consider performance evaluations submitted by board members of State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and voted to recommend he receive a standard compensation raise and a bonus for his work

ODE Seeks Comments on Updates to ELA, Mathematics Model Curriculum – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is seeking comments on its proposed updates to Ohio's model curriculum for English language arts and mathematics in kindergarten through high school through an online survey

ODE Offers Resource to Meet Internet Safety Policies – Hannah

- The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires that schools' Internet safety policy provides measures for educating minors about appropriate online behavior

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

Ohio's Urban Districts Up, Suburbs Down in State Funding – Columbus Dispatch

- Most Ohio school districts will return to action during the next three weeks without much new state money to fund operations

Obhof Says Veto Overrides Coming Tuesday; Some May Wait – Hannah

- Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said he anticipates "a few" budget override votes will be held during the Senate's Tuesday session while others may be come back in September

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Rules Seek to Educate Parents, Young Athletes on Sudden Cardiac Arrest – Columbus Dispatch

- Under Lindsay's Law, which took effect this year, young athletes and their parents are required to watch an educational video about the causes and warning signs of cardiac arrest and sign off on paperwork that they understand

New Bill Would Define Duties, Qualifications of School Resource Officers – Hannah

- New bipartisan legislation introduced this week would define a school resource officer in the Ohio Revised Code, as well as their qualifications and responsibilities

Task Force Presentations Highlight Role of Health Care in Education, Community Poverty Intervention – Hannah

- The House Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty hosted two presentations at its meeting Thursday where members learned about the interaction between health policy and education, as well as how communities of different socioeconomic backgrounds can engage to fight poverty

Panel Briefed on Link between Health and Academic Achievement

- Improving academic achievement among poor Ohio students means being more proactive in making them healthier, a state panel studying poverty and education heard

Business Military Leaders Warn of STEM Workforce Skills Gap, Urge Greater Access to Pre-K – Hannah

- Ohio business and military leaders released a new report Wednesday at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery detailing how high-quality pre-K is important to developin STEM skills -- those capabilities in science, technology, engineering and math demanded in the 21st century workforce

Dem Legislation to Require School Safety Drills at Beginning of School Year – Hannah

- With students heading back to school this month, two Democratic lawmakers have introduced legislation that would require schools to hold a school safety drill at the beginning of the school year to identify gaps in safety plans

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Ohio Schools

ECOT Not Only Online School that Owes Money over Enrollment Issues – Columbus Dispatch

- The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow by far owes the most, but it is not the only Ohio online charter school being told to repay state money because of problems with verifying enrollment

As School Starts Again, Online Teachers Have to Prepare, Too – Columbus Dispatch

- Teachers of students who go to school online are tweaking their plans, posting lessons and trouble-shooting students' technical problems by phone before the school year starts

Schools Should Require Coding Courses, CMC Panelists Say – Hannah

- Students should be obligated to take classes on computer coding at some point during their compulsory K-12 education, according to business and workforce leaders in the Capital City

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Ohio Postsecondary

House Bill 49 Creates New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- Be sure to look at 5 Things You Should Know about College Credit Plus for district administrators, created by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

DeVos Undeterred by Critics Even as Agenda Remains Stalled – AP

- Among the paintings and photographs that decorate Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' sunlit, spacious office is the framed roll call from her Senate confirmation

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Education Policy & Finance

Proponents of Later School Start Times See Momentum – US News & World Report

- Schools in at least 19 states are planning to start the school day later this year, according to Start School Later, a nonprofit organization that advocates for later school start times

Later Start Times for Teens Improve Grades, Mood, and Safety – PDK

- New research shows that high school students benefit in many ways from later start times

The 2017 EdNext Poll on School Reform – EducationNext

- Public thinking on school choice, Common Core, higher ed, and more

How Does the 'Trump Effect' Change the Public's View of Education? – EdWeek

- If you're looking for someone to polarize debates about education policy, look no further than President Donald Trump. That's according to an opinion survey published Tuesday by Education Next, a K-12 policy journal

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Teacher Effectiveness

Characteristics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers in the United States: Results From the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This First Look report provides descriptive statistics and basic information from the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey Public School Teacher Data File

The Nation's Teaching Force Is Still Mostly White and Female – EdWeek

- Teachers tend to be white, female, and have nearly a decade and a half of experience in the classroom, according to new data released Monday by the federal government

Teacher Quality and Teacher Mobility – Education Finance and Policy

- There is growing concern among policy makers over the quality of the teacher workforce in general, and the distribution of effective teachers across schools. The impact of teacher attrition on overall teacher quality will depend on the effectiveness of teachers who leave the profession. Likewise, teacher turnover may alleviate or worsen inequities in the distribution of teachers, depending on which teachers change schools or leave teaching and who replaces them. Using matched student–teacher panel data from the state of Florida, we examine teacher mobility across the distribution of effectiveness (as measured by teacher value added). We find that top-quartile and bottom-quartile teachers exit at a higher rate than do average-quality teachers. Additionally, as the share of peer teachers with more experience, advanced degrees, or professional certification increases, the likelihood of moving within-district decreases. We also find some evidence of assortative matching among teachers—more productive reading/language arts teachers are more likely to stay in teaching if they have more productive peer teachers

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

A New Kind of Classroom: No Grades, No Failing, No Hurry – New York Times

- At M.S. 442, students are encouraged to focus instead on mastering a set of grade-level skills, like writing a scientific hypothesis or identifying themes in a story, moving to the next set of skills when they have demonstrated that they are ready. In these schools, there is no such thing as a C or a D for a lazily written term paper. There is no failing. The only goal is to learn the material, sooner or later

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Advanced Placement Access and Success: How Do Rural Schools Stack Up? – ECS

- This joint report from the College Board and Education Commission of the States explores Advanced Placement (AP) in rural, suburban and urban schools and looks at data on student access, participation and performance across urbanities

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Curriculum

Hiding in Plain Sight: Leveraging Curriculum to Improve Student Learning – Chiefs for Change

- A relatively nascent but powerful body of research suggests that content-rich, standards-aligned, and high-quality curricula exert a powerful influence on student achievement. There is also early evidence that switching to a high-quality curriculum may be a more cost-effective way to raise student achievement than several other school-level interventions

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public

employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years
STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district
STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects
STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette)
To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate
STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments
STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees
STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions
STATUS: Introduced

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers
STATUS: Introduced

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency
STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week
STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security
STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's

cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Introduced

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: Introduced

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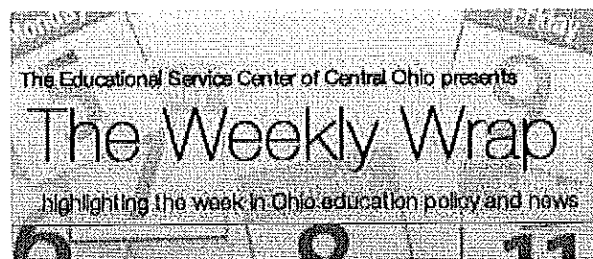
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BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Officials Say School Year's Off to Good Start – This Week

- The first week of classes for the 2017-18 school year at the Bexley City Schools kicked off with a variety of activities to welcome students, parents and staff

Harless to Lead Schools' Communication Efforts – This Week

- As the Bexley City Schools' new public-information officer, James Harless is helping the district to find new ways to keep the community informed

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

BV-BW Decision Could Set Precedent – Sunbury News

- A family north of Sunbury submitted a petition requesting a boundary change from Buckeye Valley Local Schools to the Big Walnut Local School District on April 18

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COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus Schools Return to Class as Teachers Union Negotiates New Contract – Columbus Dispatch

- As about 50,000 Columbus City Schools students flooded into more than 100 buildings Wednesday to kick off the school year in the state's largest school district, teachers came to the buildings under instructions from their union to "work to the rule," meaning they should do nothing extra

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

Delaware City Schools BOE Approves Staffing Changes, Trips – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City School District board of education approved a number of staffing changes and student trips at its meeting Tuesday night

FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Fairbanks Officials Discuss Resource Officer, Purchase of Truck – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The Fairbanks Board of Education approved the purchase of a new maintenance truck at Monday night's meeting

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Staff Balances Rules, Good Taste for School Lunches – This Week

- Food managers with Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools and the Westerville City School District are back in their kitchens and tackling the challenges of offering menu options students want, in addition to meeting the U.S. Department of Agriculture standards for the National School Lunch Program

G-J Board Picks London's Blind as Next Treasurer – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools Board of Education was expected to hire Kristine Blind as its next treasurer during an Aug. 22 meeting

District's Communications Post Filled – This Week

- A digital designer and former teacher has been hired as the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools' new communications coordinator

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

School Year Begins on Several Positive Notes – This Week

- Andy Culp, superintendent of Grandview Heights City Schools, writes that during the 2017-18 school year, they will continue to build on their current goals as outlined in their continuous improvement plan, as well as offer new initiatives that will enhance student learning

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison Considering Bond Issue for New Buildings – Columbus Messenger

- The Groveport Madison Board of Education is considering placing a bond issue on either the November 2018 or spring of 2019 ballot to fund the construction of new school buildings

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Residents and School Officials Question Proposed Refugee Road Development – Pataskala Standard

- A proposal to add nearly 300 new homes on Refugee Road is generating not-so-positive feedback

Local Candidates Fill Upcoming Fall Ballot – Pataskala Standard

- There will be little suspense with this race. There are three openings, and three residents are running, among them incumbents Tracy Russ and Paul Johnson. Mark Rader is the third candidate

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

MV Board Approves New Superintendent Contract – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- Citing such things as innovation, partnerships and vision, the Marysville Board of Education extended a new contract to superintendent Diane Mankins at Thursday night's meeting

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Open Enrollment: Money-Maker Keeps District Off Ballot – This Week

- But what was once a controversial proposal has become accepted practice -- and has brought with it enough revenue to keep the Reynoldsburg school district off the ballot since it began

State Honors Five Reynoldsburg Schools – Columbus Messenger

- New banners heralding the STEM designation are flying from the rafters in five Reynoldsburg schools

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

New Diploma Pathways Could Boost Numbers – This Week

- Navigating through high school can be a challenge for any student, but the class of 2018 has had a particularly bumpy road

Petition Issues Change Race for SWCS Board Seats – This Week

- Two candidates who filed petitions for the South-Western City Schools board race will not be on the Nov. 7 ballot

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

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WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Early Start Assuages Freshman Fears – This Week

- More than 100 Thomas Worthington juniors and seniors were in charge of 455 freshmen Aug. 16 during Worthington Schools' "freshmen-only" first day of high school. A similar program was held at Worthington Kilbourne High School

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Recording Available: Back-to-School Webinar – ODE

- Webinar topics include graduation requirements for the class of 2018, new industry-recognized credentials, the Senior Only Credential Program and other information for the 2017-2018 school year

Updated School Emergency Management Test Information Available – ODE

- As we begin another school year, it is important to refresh students and staff on school emergency procedures. Schools and districts must complete one emergency management test annually and report it to the Ohio Department of Education

Career Technical Education Middle Grades Waiver Form Available for Fiscal Year 2017-18 – ODE

- The Career-Technical Education Middle Grades Waiver form is now available. Districts must complete middle grades career-technical education waivers each year. The deadline is Sept. 30

Do School Personnel Know about Code of Professional Conduct? – ODE

- This code applies to all educators licensed by the state, including coaches, aides, teachers (including substitutes), principals, superintendents and other licensed individuals serving schools, for example school nurses, counselors and treasurers

Parent's Guide to the Rights of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness – ODE

- A homeless student has rights to the same education as any other student in Ohio. Here is a guide to help parents understand what support their families can expect and how to work with schools

New Publication for Parents of Children Receiving Special Education Services – ODE

- Beginning this school year, the publication, A Guide to Parent Rights in Special Education is a key source of information for parents of children who are receiving — or may be qualified to receive — special education services

Updated Information Available for New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- Ohio House Bill 49 changed some of the rules and responsibilities for districts in Ohio's College Credit Plus program, effective this school year. See updated FAQ information here. Contact Larisa Harper with questions

Validation Process for Career Technical Education Teachers in Middle School – ODE

- Teachers with four-year alternative or five-year professional licenses covering middle school instruction can take the modules needed to receive a certificate for teaching career-tech career exploration courses at the middle school level

Back to School 2017: Top 10 Things to Know – ODE

- The 2017-2018 academic year is under way across Ohio, and the Ohio Department of Education has some great resources for families as our children head back to the classroom

10 Things You Need to Know about Educator Evaluation 2017-2018 – ODE

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

Ohio Senate Overrides Six Kasich Vetoes – Columbus Dispatch

- The Senate on Tuesday voted to override six of Gov. John Kasich's budget vetoes, and more overrides could come in the future if compromises with the administration can't be reached

Senate Overrides Six Budget Line-Item Vetoes – Hannah

- The Senate voted to override six of Gov. John Kasich's budget vetoes on Tuesday, with three receiving bipartisan support

Hitting Ohio 16 Ways: How a Bad Census Count Could Cost Ohioans – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- What's at stake for Ohio? The Counting for Dollars Project at George Washington University's Institute of Public Policy examined how 16 major federal programs use census information -- specifically, data sets that the government derived from the traditional headcount -- when sending money to states in 2015. Here's how the count worked out for Ohioans, and why the 2020 census will matter

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

New Ohio Attendance Law in Effect for 2017-18 School Year – News-Herald

- According the Ohio Department of Education, there are several changes that took effect in the 2017-18 school year. Schools cannot suspend or expel students for missing too much school. Districts will amend or adopt policies that outline their interventions and plans for students who miss too much school

OPERS Exploring Changes to Cost-of-Living Adjustments – Hannah

- Information now available on the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) website outlines proposals to revise the pension system's current policy related to cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for its current retirees

Study: Ohio Has Most Failed Charter Schools, Which Close Less Often – Akron Beacon Journal

- Researchers with the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University examined the lowest performing schools in 25 states and the District of Columbia from 2007 to 2013, honing in on 1,522 low-performing, taxpayer-funded schools that closed

CREDO Report Examines Effects of School Closures on Student Academic Performance – Hannah

- A study released Thursday by Stanford's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) titled "Lights Off: Practice and Impact of Closing Low-Performing Schools" comprehensively examines the effect school closures have on student academic performance, looking at data from 1,500 low-performing schools in 26 states from the 2006-2007 school year through the 2012-2013 school year

School Closure Study 2017 – CREDO at Stanford

- This report systematically examined closure of low-performing public schools in both the charter and traditional public-school sectors

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Ohio Schools

ECOT Maneuver May Represent Final Bid to Remain Open – Columbus Dispatch

- Facing the possibility of losing its sponsor and being forced to close, the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow has launched a plan to go from a major drag on its sponsor's portfolio to a shining star — all without having to improve any of its lagging academic scores

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What's at Stake for Schools in the Debt Ceiling Debate? – EdWeek

- The recurring squabble over raising the debt ceiling has roots in 2011 when, in exchange for increasing the borrowing limit, Congress imposed mandatory spending caps on government spending. The big budget legacy of that 2011 fight, known as sequestration, is still with us

ESSA Brings New Focus to Homeless Population – Education DIVE

- The law requires schools and districts for the first time to "track and improve outcomes" for these students

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Teacher Effectiveness

Characteristics of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools in the United States: Results From the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This First Look report provides descriptive statistics and basic information from the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey Public School Data File

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Digital Convergence

VR, AR, 3D Printing and Data Analytics Overtake Visual Tech Market in Education – THE Journal

- While visual technologies in education are expected to steadily grow each year through 2021, the majority of the market will comprise virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), 3D printing and visual data analytics products, according to a new industry forecast

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Charter Schools

Number of Charter Schools, Students in U.S. Rises: Report – Reuters

- The number of children attending charter schools in the United States hit a record of about 6 percent of all students in public schools, according to a federal education report released

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Social-Emotional Learning

New Advances in Measuring Social-Emotional Learning – Hechinger Report

- CASEL, the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning, is leading an effort to improve measurement options for schools

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Early Learning

Payoffs Seen in Smooth Transition to Kindergarten – EdWeek

- The kindergartners are coming. And these children, nearly 4 million strong in the 2017-18 class, are more likely than any other grade to be a blank slate to their teachers. But states, districts, and individual schools are working to change that, by creating transition programs to ease children's entry into school

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Leadership

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How Schools Manage Leadership Change – District Administration

- Not everyone welcomes change, especially when it involves leadership. No one likes to be kept in the dark about new district policies or how their role and responsibilities might change—or wonder whether they'll get along with the new boss

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget
STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate has voted to override several vetoes

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review
STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting
STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester
STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year
STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers
STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service

program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87 COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memorandum of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed

student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for

Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate
STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments
STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Bocchieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent

of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees
STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions
STATUS: Introduced

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers
STATUS: Introduced

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency
STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week
STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security
STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals


STATUS: Introduced

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: Introduced

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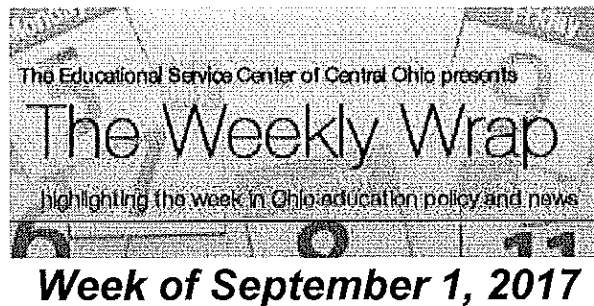
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PDK POLL 2017 RELEASED – *PDK International released its PDK Poll of the Public's Attitudes toward Public Schools 2017 based on a random, representative, 50-state sample of 1,588 adults interviewed by cell or landline telephone, in English or Spanish, in May 2017. The poll found that Americans want schools to do more than educate students in academic subjects. They want schools to help prepare children for the workplace with direct career preparation and efforts to develop their interpersonal skills. The poll also covers topics such as vouchers, diversity, wraparound supports, school quality, grading schools and more.*

PDK Poll 2017

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Americans Value Schools That Prepare Students for the Workplace, Poll Shows – Education DIVE

- Americans express strong support for classes that give students career skills and favor the idea of certificate or licensing programs that can help qualify students for jobs, according to the 2017 PDK Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools

Success Network – ESC of Central Ohio

- Linking schools, partners and communities with resources that empower students to excel beyond graduation

Social-Emotional Learning Whole Child Surveys – ESC of Central Ohio

- The ESC of Central Ohio is partnering with Panorama Education to offer our districts special consortium pricing on whole-child surveys including training, implementation support and assistance analyzing your data in the online interactive platform

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Central Ohio Schools

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

New Chillicothe Elementary Buildings Beginning to Take Shape – Chillicothe Gazette

- The construction timeline is something that will be watched carefully by the district because it will impact decisions that have to be made regarding the 2018-19 school year

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

District Commemorates End of Construction – Delaware Gazette

- Delaware City Schools celebrated the conclusion of a lengthy construction and renovation campaign this week

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Hoover Encouraged by Early Report Card Data – This Week

- It's too soon for Groveport Madison officials to have a clear picture of how the district will fare on the latest state report card, but Superintendent Bruce Hoover said preliminary data show improvements in several areas

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Licking Height Enrollment Spikes at Start of New School Year – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights started the 2017-18 school year by opening its doors to more students than ever before

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Need for Substitutes Stays Steady – This Week

- Although the school year has begun in South-Western City School District, the district's staffing work is far from over

Petition Issues Change Race for SWCS Board Seats – This Week

- Two candidates who filed for the South-Western Board of Education race will not be on the Nov. 7 ballot

Write-Ins Round Out South-Western School Board Race – This Week

- There apparently will be a contested race for the South-Western City School District Board of Education

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Two Options for Worthington Schools Facilities on Table – This Week

- A Worthington school board discussion Aug. 28 about aging facilities and overcrowded classrooms raised more questions than answers as board members mulled two options created by a facilities task force

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Data Appeal Window Open for Retention and Summer Third Grade Reading – ODE

- From Friday, Sept. 1, through Wednesday, Sept. 6, superintendents and EMIS coordinators should review relevant reports in the Secure Data Center, which will include both the retention data reported in EMIS and the test vendor files

New Resource for School Leaders: Collaborative Conversations about Value-Added Data – ODE

- This three-video series shows how principals and school leaders can prepare for and lead collaborative conversations about teacher value-added reports

Convenient Way to Upload Your District's 2017 Career Advising Policy – ODE

- The Ohio Department of Education has added the career advising policy, required in Ohio law, to the compliance dashboard in SAFE

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Schools Get Human Trafficking Training – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine listed education as an area of focus in his 2016 annual report. According to the report, 151 potential victims of human trafficking were identified and more than a third were 20 years old or younger

Human Trafficking Commission Receives Report on School Outreach – Hannah

- The Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission met Monday and received a report from Abolition Ohio on the state's school outreach program, a partnership between the University of Dayton, Abolition Ohio, and Free to Run Foundation that is funded by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund

College Credit Plus Committee Discusses Outcome Data, Policy Changes in Budget – Hannah

- The College Credit Plus (CCP) Advisory Council convened Tuesday to discuss preliminary data on the outcomes of program participants in the past school year, along with changes to the program made by lawmakers in the biennial budget

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Ohio Schools

Social-Emotional Learning Key to Transforming Schools, Rep. Tim Ryan Tells Teachers – Youngstown Vindicator

- Practicing social-emotional learning in the classroom is what will transform schools for the better, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Howland, D-13th, told Youngstown City Schools educators

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Ohio Postsecondary

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

On ESSA, Many Principals Have Little Idea What the Law Actually Means – Education DIVE

- One of the recurring themes from principals around ESSA implementation has been, "Well, I'm just going to wait for my superintendent to tell me what to do"

Confused about Where Your State's ESSA Plan Stands? We're Here to Help – EdWeek

- With the flurry of news about states' plans for the Every Student Succeeds Act, are you confused about where things actually stand? We're here to help end your confusion

Ed. Dept.'s Pitch to Scale Back Collection of AP Test Data Raises Eyebrows – EdWeek

- The U.S. Department of Education is contemplating changes to its signature Civil Rights Data Collection for the coming school year, including asking districts for new information on computer science and Internet connectivity, while scaling back requirements for collecting Advanced Placement test data

USDOE Expands Focus on Enforcement and Consumer Protections for Students, Parents and Borrowers – USDOE

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced a stronger approach to how Federal Student Aid (FSA) enforces compliance by institutions participating in the Federal student aid programs by creating stronger consumer protections for students, parents and borrowers against "bad actors." FSA is an office within the U.S. Department of Education

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Education Policy & Finance

State Policy & K-12 Competency-Based Education – iNACOL

- This iNACOL Issue Brief provides an overview of competency-based education, and provides state policy recommendations and resources for policymakers who are ready to enable and support competency education

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Many Parents Not Happy with Later School Start Times – HealthDay

- More shut-eye means healthier, more alert students, but survey finds half of parents pushing back

Pushing School Start Times to 8:30am Could Add Billions to the U.S. Economy – Business Insider

- A new study has discovered a simple way to add billions of dollars to the US economy: delay school start times

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Standards & Assessments

States Begin Shedding Standardized Tests in K-12 – District Administration

- In just the last few months, several districts and states have eliminated tests and cut assessment time to make room for instruction and reduce stress

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Digital Convergence

Can Computers Enhance the Work of Teachers? The Debate Is On – AP

- As schools struggle to raise high school graduation rates and close the persistent achievement gap for minority and low-income students, many educators tout digital technology in the classroom as a way forward. But experts caution that this approach still needs more scrutiny and warn schools and parents against being overly reliant on computers

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School Safety & Discipline

As States Seek to Reduce Suspensions, Schools Look for Ways to Handle Discipline – Education DIVE

- Administrators aim for balance between addressing racial disparities while still supporting teachers

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate has voted to override several vetoes

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income-tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate
STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: Introduced

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: Introduced

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for

employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs

that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee


SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment
STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals
STATUS: Introduced

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school
STATUS: Introduced

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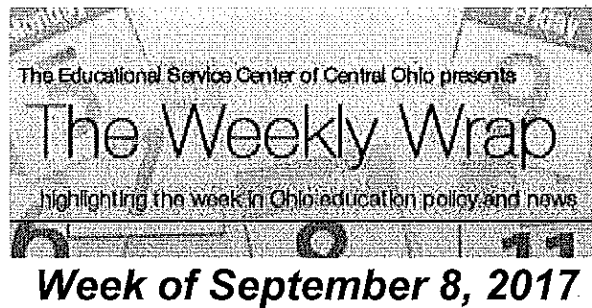
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ACT CONDITION OF COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS 2017 RELEASED

– ACT released its annual score report, The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2017, finding the average composite score for the class of 2017 was 21.0 – up from 20.8 for the class of 2016. Nationally, about 60 percent of students took the ACT, which was a decline from 64 percent last year and the first drop in ACT test-taking in 13 years. In Ohio, 75 percent of graduating students took the test with a composite score of 22.0. The state has remained steady on its composite score over the past four years even as participation has increased. However, the report found 13 percent of black students in Ohio met three or more benchmarks of strong college readiness as compared to 53 percent of white students.

Ohio ACT Scores Remain Study; Underserved Students Not Ready for College – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Minority students whose families are low-income and have not attended college lag far behind their peers when it comes to college readiness, according to the annual report of ACT test scores

Students' Scores Inch Up on ACT Exam – EdWeek

- Students performed slightly better on the ACT this year than they did last year, and Hispanic students notched a special victory: Their level of college-readiness rose even as more of them took the exam

The Condition of College and Career Readiness 2017 – ACT

- Underserved students lag far behind their peers when it comes to college and career readiness, and the more underserved characteristics that students possess, the less likely they are to be ready. These findings are reported in The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2017, ACT's annual score report
- See average scores by state [here](#) and Ohio's profile [here](#)

Success Network – ESC of Central Ohio

- Linking schools, partners and communities with resources that empower students to excel beyond graduation
- Upcoming Success Network [events](#)

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Central Ohio Schools

Expanding KIPP Columbus Charter School Opens New High School – Columbus Dispatch

- The Knowledge is Power Program, which started out in Columbus in 2008 with 50 fifth-graders in an old elementary school in Linden, opened a new high school building on Aug. 17 to add to its elementary and middle schools

More Than 570 Franklin County Property Owners Challenge Values on First Day – Columbus Dispatch

- Hundreds of Franklin County homeowners descended on Dublin Tuesday to deliver the same message: My home isn't this valuable

CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOLS

Preliminary Data Reflect Strides on CW's State Report Card – This Week

- Preliminary results from the Ohio Department of Education about Canal Winchester's state report card indicate the district is improving or staying the same in most areas

Middle School Added to STEM List – This Week

- Canal Winchester school district officials knew last March the middle school had achieved a milestone as one of only 16 elementary or middle schools in Ohio to earn a STEM designation from the Ohio Department of Education

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

School Board Makes Final Offer to Teachers; Sells Former School to Ohio State – Columbus Dispatch

- Columbus City Schools have made their final offer on a new contract to the district's teachers' union, and the Board of Education agreed Tuesday to extend its contract with the union representing non-teaching employees while the two sides continue to negotiate a pact

Columbus Schools Offers Smaller Raises in Teacher Contract Proposal – Columbus Dispatch

- Teachers would get consecutive annual raises of 1.5 percent this school year and 1 percent the next if they approve a final contract offer from Columbus City Schools — which is substantially lower than the deal reached only two years ago

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

Delaware City Schools BOE Approves Staffing Changes – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved a number of staffing changes and a 2019 student trip at its meeting Tuesday night

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Licking Heights Prepares to Sell Bonds to Fund Construction of New School – Newark Advocate

- Come Sept. 7, residents will have an opportunity to invest in Licking Heights Local Schools upcoming building project

Pataskala Officials Discuss Placing Moratorium on Future Residential Development – Newark Advocate

- King did not cite it, but Licking Heights Local School officials earlier this month expressed concerns about a proposed rezoning that could lead to the addition of nearly 300 new homes on Refugee Road

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Candidate's Departure Leaves Olentangy Board Race Unopposed – This Week

- November's Olentangy school board race will not be contested after all

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

District Moves Forward with Renewed Purpose – This Week Raider Talk

- Melvin Brown, superintendent of the Reynoldsburg City Schools, writes that the first weeks of school have been filled with moments of celebration, collaboration and engagement

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Enrollment Up in School District – Columbus Messenger

- When the South-Western City Schools District opened its doors on Aug. 23, it welcomed several thousand new students to its steadily growing population

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

District Schedules 'Walk-Throughs' of Schools – This Week

- The Upper Arlington school district will host another round of open houses this month at buildings that would receive funding for reconstruction and renovation through a combined 8.92-mill levy and bond issue that will be before voters in November

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

School Board Seeks to Fill Spots on Audit Committee – This Week

- The Westerville City School District's Board of Education is seeking applicants to serve on an audit committee as a professional link between the board and state auditors

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Three-Prong Facilities Fix Entails Bonds – This Week

- Worthington Schools leaders face a threefold dilemma as student enrollment outpaces aging buildings, but fixing facility needs won't be easy, with cost estimates well above \$150 million

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Webinar: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Statewide Rollout – ODE

- The event is designed for school administrators, district administrators and other key local leaders involved in coordinating or supporting the implementation of the KRA

Coming Oct. 1, WorkKeys Changes – WorkKeys 2.0 – ODE

- On June 1, ACT released a new version of WorkKeys with several significant changes, including different assessment names, items and scoring scales

Fast Facts for Families about Excessive Absences and Truancy – ODE

- Here is handout that can help families understand the difference between excessive absences and truancy. Schools can find more information and resources online [here](#)

What Resources Are Available for Training Staff on Career Advising? – ODE

- The Career Advising Toolkit contains resources that can help districts successfully implement their career advising policies, including Career Connections learning strategies, model curricula, delivery models and student success plans

GED New Name: Ohio High School Equivalence Office – ODE

- The Department's GED® Office is now called the Ohio High School Equivalence Office

Remember Requirement to Observe Constitution Day – ODE

- Each year, schools nationwide take part in observing the day in 1787 that our nation's leaders signed the U.S. Constitution. This year's Constitution Day observation will be Monday, Sept. 18

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

ECOT Maneuver Shines Light on Ohio's Dropout-School Standards – Columbus Dispatch

- In an apparent bid to stay alive, ECOT is moving to become a dropout-recovery school after 17 years as a general-education charter, amplifying concerns about whether Ohio holds dropout schools accountable

Trump Says His Move Gives Congress Chance to Fix Immigration – Columbus Dispatch

- Trump's decision spurred several Ohio colleges and universities to urge Ohio lawmakers to respond

Poor Grades for School Districts May Obscure Improvements – Youngstown Vindicator

- Letter grades of Cs, Ds and Fs may be on the way for a number of Mahoning Valley schools when the Ohio Department of Education releases its state report cards Sept. 15, but local education administrators are urging parents to look beyond the grades

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Ohio Schools

Ohio's ACT Test Scores above US Average – Columbus Dispatch

- The Buckeye State, with an average composite score of 22, edged the national average composite score by one full point, according to the ACT's annual score report, released Thursday. ACT scores are ranked on a 1 to 36 scale

Ohio ACT Scores Remain Study; Underserved Students Not Ready for College – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Minority students whose families are low-income and have not attended college lag far behind their peers when it comes to college readiness, according to the annual report of ACT test scores

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Ohio Postsecondary

Title IX System 'Pushed Schools to Overreach' Against Sexual Assault, DeVos Says – Columbus Dispatch

- The U.S. Department of Education will review and redevelop Title IX enforcement policies put in place by the Obama administration to crack down on campus sexual assaults

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Ohio Reports

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Federal & US Department of Education

USDOE Issues Approvals for 12 of 17 ESSA Plans Submitted in April – Hannah

- Even as the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) continues to work on the state's consolidated plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) headed toward the Monday, Sept. 18 deadline for submission, the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) is rolling out the results of the staff and peer review of the plans submitted by 16 states and the District of Columbia by the spring deadline of April 3

Dreamers Head Back to School Facing Fears about DACA's Future – ABC News

- On Friday the White House said an announcement will be made on Tuesday about whether the administration will end DACA, the Obama-era immigration policy that lets young people brought to the United States illegally by their parents before 2012 apply for a renewable two-year permit, allowing them to come out of the shadows to obtain work permits, attend college and defer action on deportation

Trump Moves to End DACA and Calls on Congress to Act – New York Times

- President Trump on Tuesday ordered an end to the Obama-era program that shields young undocumented immigrants from deportation, calling it an “amnesty-first approach” and urging Congress to pass a replacement before he begins phasing out its protections in six months

Trump Says His Move Gives Congress Chance to Fix Immigration – Columbus Dispatch

- President Donald Trump said his decision Tuesday to phase out a federal program that allows young undocumented immigrants to stay in the United States offers “a window of opportunity for Congress” to end a decades-long stalemate on Capitol Hill and overhaul the nation’s immigration laws

Trump Cancels DACA Impacting Tens of Thousands of Students and Teachers – EdWeek

- President Donald Trump will end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era program that gives protection to an estimated 800,000 immigrants who came to the United States illegally as children

At Risk under Decision to Repeal DACA: 20,000 K-12 Teachers – and the Schools Where They Are Teaching – The 74

- Many undocumented students have teachers whose backgrounds are just like theirs: An estimated 20,000 teachers across the country are undocumented, working legally with permits obtained through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA

Here’s Where School Choice Bills Stand as Congress Restarts – EdWeek

- School choice programs the Trump administration wants in next year’s budget haven’t gotten traction, at least with House lawmakers. (We still don’t know yet how the Senate feels.) But those aren’t the only choice plans Congress has the chance to consider. So how are these doing?

Complying with Special Education Bias Rule May Force Spending Shifts – EdWeek

- The Trump administration and congressional Republicans have spent time and energy dismantling some of the education regulations championed by President Barack Obama. But an educational equity policy born from the bipartisan reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and given prominence by Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper initiative lives on. And it means that many more school districts may have to make changes to how they spend their federal special education allotment

Senate Panel Rejects Trump Teacher-Funding Cut, School Choice Proposals – EdWeek

- The legislation would leave intact the main federal programs aimed at teacher training and after-school funding. And it would seek to bar the U.S. Department of Education from moving forward with two school choice initiatives it pitched in its request for fiscal year 2018, which begins Oct. 1

Title IX System 'Pushed Schools to Overreach' Against Sexual Assault, DeVos Says – Columbus Dispatch

- The U.S. Department of Education will review and redevelop Title IX enforcement policies put in place by the Obama administration to crack down on campus sexual assaults

Highlights from Secretary DeVos' Remarks on Title IX Enforcement – USDOE

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos discussed a better way forward on Title IX enforcement with students and faculty at George Mason University. In her remarks, the Secretary laid out the problems with the current failed system and the need to establish a regulatory framework that serves all students

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Education Policy & Finance

States Could Reap Big Economic Benefits with Later School Start Time – EdSource

- In fact, if all schools nationwide were to convert to this later start time, the RAND Corporation and RAND Europe found that the U.S. economy would get an \$83 billion boost within a decade

School Boards and Student Segregation – National Bureau of Economic Research

- This paper provides the first causal evidence about how elected local school boards affect student segregation across schools

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Standards & Assessments

Schools Push to Get More Students in Computer Sciences – AP/Houston Chronicle

- The class is part of Kentucky's new initiative to offer courses that could produce more information technology professionals. Kentucky Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt announced Aug. 22 that students will have more quality computer science instruction and requirements

Students' Scores Inch Up on ACT Exam – EdWeek

- Students performed slightly better on the ACT this year than they did last year, and Hispanic students notched a special victory: Their level of college-readiness rose even as more of them took the exam

The Condition of College and Career Readiness 2017 – ACT

- Underserved students lag far behind their peers when it comes to college and career readiness, and the more underserved characteristics that students possess, the less likely they are to be ready. These findings are reported in The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2017, ACT's annual score report

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Teacher Effectiveness

Could An Apprenticeship Be a Viable Way to Prepare Special Educators? – EdWeek

- An Ohio teacher-educator has an idea that she thinks will fill persistent teacher shortages in special education fields—and potentially revolutionize teacher preparation

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Digital Convergence

Educators Grapple with Integrating Technology into the Lecture – Education DIVE

- Most U.S. adults between say they learn more information from technology than through human interaction, with an even greater percentage of millennials reporting the same, according to a new survey — a reality which underscores both challenges and opportunities college educators face with balancing technological integration and traditional in-person instruction

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Charter Schools

Are Charter Schools Safer in Deindustrialized Cities with High Rates of Crime? Testing Hypotheses in Detroit – American Educational Research Journal

- Families in deindustrialized cities with high crime rates report prioritizing school safety when opting for charter schools. Yet, very little research has investigated whether charter schools are safer than traditional public schools.

This study compares charter and traditional public schools in Detroit, Michigan, on perceived school safety by linking student surveys to data on school, neighborhood, and parent-related characteristics

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Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth

Connecticut Alternative Schools, Students in Poverty Have High Levels of School Absence – Connecticut Post

- The correlation between academic achievement and good attendance is not new information to state education officials, but a recent study by national group Attendance Works and the Everyone Graduates Center at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education shows a relationship between poor attendance and students from families demonstrating financial need

Portraits of Change: Aligning School and Community Resources to Reduce Chronic Absence – Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University/Attendance Works

- More than seven million students nationwide are chronically absent from school ? 3 missing so much school, for any reason, that they are academically at risk. Starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, chronic absence erodes students' ability to learn and achieve in school. It increases the likelihood that children will be unable to read well by third grade, fail classes in middle school and drop out of high school. Children living in poverty, from communities of color and diagnosed with a disability are disproportionately affected

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Analysis: Minority Students Often Left Out of Special Ed. – Disability Scoop

- Across elementary, middle and high school, students from minority backgrounds are less likely than white children to be identified as having disabilities, according to a new analysis published in the journal Educational Researcher

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Learning from Student Voice: College and Career Readiness – Youth Truth Survey

- YouthTruth analyzed survey responses from over 55,000 high school students. The data was gathered between September 2015 and December 2016 through YouthTruth's anonymous online climate and culture survey administered in partnership with public school districts across 21 states. Our analysis looked at a subset of questions relating to college and career readiness and uncovered some key insights

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Curriculum

Watchdog Gives a Scarlet Letter to Some High School Literature Curricula – EdWeek

- EdReports.org, a nonprofit that aims to serve a Consumer Reports-style role in the crowded K-12 materials marketplace, just issued ratings of how well six major literature curricula align to the academic goals known as the Common Core State Standards, which were adopted in 37 states

How to Build Community Leaders of Today – and Tomorrow – Through Student Genius Hours – EdSurge

- Genius Hour has its early foundations at companies like Google which gave their employees 20 percent of their work week to study and implement innovative ideas that would better the company. Ideas like Gmail, Google News, and AdSense were born from this time

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate has voted to override several vetoes

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public

employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years
STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district
STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects
STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)
With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette)
To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate
STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments
STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees
STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions
STATUS: Introduced

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: Introduced

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's

cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals


STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

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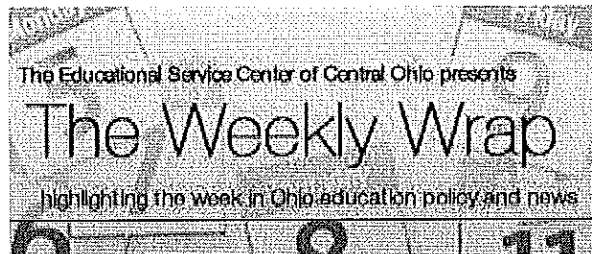
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2016-17 SCHOOL REPORT CARDS RELEASED – *The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released the 2016-17 school report cards on Thursday. Districts and schools were graded on six components: Achievement; Progress; Gap Closing; Graduation Rate; K-3 Literacy; and Prepared for Success. Hannah News reported that more than half of districts saw above average academic growth while proficiency rates also improved year over year. ODE also highlighted improved student performance across the board in terms of proficiency rates and performance index score.*

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Responding to Your Data – ESC of Central Ohio's Success Network

- District and school leaders will investigate new resources to strengthen standards-based instruction, increase student learning, and improve results with district data and ODE's Report Card

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OHIO

Central Ohio Schools

State Report Cards Are Out; How Does Your School Stack Up? – Columbus Dispatch

- This was the first year in a long time that Ohioans could make an apples-to-apples comparison between one report card and the prior year's because the state kept changing standardized tests

Report Cards: Here Are Central Ohio's Best- and Worst-Performing Districts – Columbus Business First

- The top-performing school district in Central Ohio has embraced a mission called "learning for life" that brings together curricular, instructional and assessment practices to get to the heart of individualized learning

Franklin County Youth Needs Assessment, Birth-12 – Thoughtwell (formerly Community Research Partners)

- The needs assessment summarizes key needs for young children, stretching from safe sleep to prevent infant mortality, to early childhood education, to emotional support. In addition, attachments to the needs assessment show, for each zip code and public school district in Franklin County, the schools and childcare centers that are available to local parents. Another attachment provides county residents with an interactive resource matrix that allows the user to select program type and age groups and see available programs that might meet their needs. This needs assessment is the second of two needs assessments that Thoughtwell completed for Franklin County; the first focused on youth ages 12-24 years

Poverty Down in Ohio, But State Still Struggling, Census Finds

- Median income and poverty numbers improved for Franklin County and the rest of Ohio from 2015 to 2016, according to new U.S. Census Bureau survey numbers released Thursday

1 in 6 Central Ohio Schools Has Chronic Attendance Problems – Columbus Dispatch

- At 1 in 10 public schools in America, 30 percent or more of the students are chronically absent. At another tenth of schools, 20 to 29 percent are gone too often. In central Ohio, one-sixth of all schools find themselves in that most extreme category, of 30 percent or more of their students not consistently attending school

Ending Bullying with Education – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations is working to educate people about Islamic religious practices in an attempt to help stop bullying and create a welcoming place for Muslim students

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Pair of Board Races Smaller after Petitions Rejected – This Week

- Voters in the Big Walnut and Delaware school districts will have one fewer candidate to choose from in November's school board races

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus Schools Give \$18 Million Tax Break for Warehouse Project – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus Board of Education approved a total property-tax abatement for what could be up to a \$50 million warehouse project near Rickenbacker Airport, before the city of Columbus had completed an analysis of exactly how much tax revenue is being excused

Columbus Teachers, Despite Misgivings, OK Contract with Lower Raises – Columbus Dispatch

- The teachers union for Columbus City Schools ratified a "final offer" contract from the school board that gives raises of 1.5 percent this year and 1 percent the next, a deal many members disliked

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

Delaware Area Career Center's Levy No Longer in Limbo – This Week

- The Delaware Area Career Center will have a levy on the ballot this fall, but not in Delaware County

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

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DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Focus Groups, Stakeholders Help Shape Verizon Building Programs – This Week From the Superintendent's Desk

- Todd Hoadley, superintendent of Dublin City Schools, writes that they are busy getting the building and programming ready for students for the 2018-19 school year

Heppner Drops Out of Board Race – This Week

- November's Dublin City School District Board of Education election is now uncontested

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hoffman Withdraws from G-J School Board Race – This Week

- With one candidate choosing to withdraw from the November race for a seat on the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education, there are just three candidates for three open seats

HAMILTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

3 Candidates for School Boards Win Fight to Get on Ballot – Columbus Dispatch

- Three candidates for school boards were added to the Nov. 7 ballot on Monday after they successfully challenged a Franklin County Board of Elections decision that they lacked the necessary valid petition signatures

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

State Report Card Results Are Due Sept. 14 – This Week

- The Ohio Department of Education is poised to release the results of its state report cards for Hilliard City Schools and more than 600 other public school districts

Write-In Certified to Join Hilliard School Board Race – This Week

- The Hilliard school board race will be contested after a write-in petition was certified Sept. 11 by the Franklin County Board of Elections

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Olentangy Elementary Art Teacher Named 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year – Columbus Dispatch

- This determination to forge a bond with his students is one reason Juravich was named 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Department of Education

ODE Names Olentangy's Juravich Top Teacher – This Week

- The Ohio Department of Education has named Jonathan Juravich of Olentangy's Liberty Tree Elementary School the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

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Donofrio, Schreiner Will Be on Ballot – This Week

- David Donofrio and Lee Schreiner have been added to the Nov. 7 ballot for the South-Western Board of Education race

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

UA Schools Maintain Most Report Card Grades – This Week

- Upper Arlington schools slipped slightly on one of the Ohio Department of Education's state report indicators but maintained its grades in all other areas

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Keep Big Things Big and Small Things Small – This Week It's Worth It

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that they are currently in a situation where change is likely to occur again

State Report Cards Due Out Sept. 14 – This Week

- Superintendent Trent Bowers said after seeing the early returns, Worthington Schools = 2showed improvement in every graded area," although parents will not see all A's on the report card

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FY18-19 Budget Info Contact List – ODE

Third Grade Reading Guarantee Guidance Manual (updated August 2017) - ODE

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Every Ohio School District Ranked – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Solon schools rank first in the state and Rocky River second, according to an index of test results released Thursday as part of the 2017 school report cards from the Ohio Department of Education

Department Seeking Nominations for the Committee of Practitioners – ODE

- The Ohio Department of Education is looking for members to serve on its Committee of Practitioners. The committee gives the Department input and advice as it reviews proposed or final state administrative rules for administering and implementing Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Better Understanding Chronic Absenteeism – ODE

- Ohio House Bill 410 directs districts that show chronic absenteeism rates of 5 percent or greater on their most recent report cards to develop absence intervention teams for the 2017-2018 school year

Career Advising FAQs Available – ODE

- These Career Advising FAQs are a valuable resource for getting the answers you need when planning, training for and implementing your district's Career Advising Policy

House Bill 49 Creates New Rules and Guidance on College Credit Plus – ODE

- HB 49 allows the chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and Ohio's superintendent of public instruction to adopt rules that specify conditions under which an underperforming student can continue to participate in College Credit Plus

Alternate Assessment Participation – ODE

- The Every Student Succeeds Act brings several changes for alternate assessment participation, including an adjustment to the 1 percent cap, requirements for district and state submissions if exceeding the cap, and state monitoring and technical support for districts

Resources to Explain Graduation Requirements to Students and Families – ODE

- To support communication efforts, the Department has revised these graduation requirements webpages

Schools Can Soon Apply for STEAM Designation – ODE

- The Ohio General Assembly recently passed legislation to designate STEAM schools in Ohio, which are STEM schools that also emphasize the arts

Special Education Annual Ratings – ODE

- Every year, school districts receive ratings on the performance of their special education programs, known as their Special Education Ratings. On Sept. 8, the Department sent email notifications to superintendents, special education contacts and community school sponsors with instructions to access their online ratings reports through the Secure Application for Enterprise (SAFE) web portal

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Joint Education Oversight Committee

JEOC Hears Presentations on Social/Emotional Learning – Hannah

- The Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) Tuesday heard presentations from three different groups on their approaches to social and emotional learning as a way to improve education outcomes in the districts throughout the state

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates Face Off in Martins Ferry – Hannah

- Four Democratic candidates for governor faced off for the first debate ahead of next year's primary Tuesday evening in Martin's Ferry, touching on issues ranging from education to Ohio's economy

Task Force Discusses Benefits, Challenges of Early Childhood Education – Hannah

- At Thursday's meeting of the House Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty, members heard a presentation on the ways in which other state legislatures are addressing the challenges of poverty through early child education

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Ohio Postsecondary

Ohio's Community College System Ranked near Bottom in Report – Hannah

- A recent report from financial planning and data aggregation firm WalletHub shows that Ohio ranks near the bottom in a nationwide assessment of community college systems

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DeVos Asks the Education Establishment to 'Rethink' Schools – US News & World Report

- Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos slammed the established "education system" Tuesday, kicking off a "Rethink School" tour to highlight innovative ways educators are meeting the needs of students in K-12 and higher education

House OKs Bill to Slash Education Budget as School Choice Push Loses Out – EdWeek

- The House of Representatives voted Thursday to approve an education funding bill that would cut about \$2.3 billion from the U.S. Department of Education, a rough 3.5 percent reduction from the agency's current budget of \$68.4 billion

USDOE Awards \$20 Million to Support Educators of English Learner Students – USDOE

- The U.S. Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) announced today the awarding of \$20 million in grants under the National Professional Development Program (NPD), to support educators of English learner students

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Education Policy & Finance

Schools Around the US Are Finally Pushing Back Their Start Times – and It's Working – Business Insider

- To date, schools in 45 states have adopted a policy similar to Solebury's. Each falls in line with the prevailing best practices proposed by organizations like the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics

Do Public School Teachers Make Equal Pay for Equal Work? – Brookings

- In a new report from the Brown Center at Brookings, entitled "Scrutinizing equal pay for equal work among teachers," we examine inequalities in public school teacher compensation and explore its relationships to inequalities in both school funding and teacher pensions

Teachers' Pay Lags Farthest Behind Other Professional in US, Study Finds – EdWeek

- Young college graduates have a lot less incentive to become K-12 teachers in the United States than in other countries, according to the latest data from the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation. While American educators out-earn teachers in other countries, they trail those with similar education levels in other professions more than teachers in any other OECD country

Policies, Procedures and Practices that Deepen Learning for All Students – Alliance for Excellent Education

- Policymakers and practitioners play key roles in this change by developing and implementing the policies, procedures, and practices that support the teaching and learning necessary to provide every student the opportunity to attain deeper learning outcomes

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Standards & Assessments

New Tool Alerts Teachers When Students Give Up on Tests – EdWeek

- How much can a test really tell you if a student gives up while taking it? Quite a lot, as it turns out—if teachers know exactly when and how a student disengages. That's what some schools nationwide started to do earlier this summer, using real-time alerts during a computer-based adaptive test to spot students going off task, and salvage meaning from assessments that students think they are writing off

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Teacher Effectiveness

School Environment and Stability Play a Role in Teacher Effectiveness – Education DIVE

- Writing for EdSource, Tara Kini, director of state policy at the Learning Policy Institute, describes ways in which school culture and environment can determine the level of effectiveness of a teacher

Certification Rules and Tests Are Keeping Would-Be Teachers of Color Out of America's Classrooms. Here's How. – Chalkbeat

- A Chalkbeat analysis has found that virtually every step in the common teacher certification process risks disproportionately excluding prospective teachers of color. The requirements for entering schools of education, passing teacher-prep exams, and a host of other factors each hit black and Hispanic prospective teachers hardest

PD Moves toward Mastery in K-12 – District Administration

- Teachers today have more control over how and when they receive professional development. Whether the learning is self-paced, online or partially in-person, more districts measure PD based on the new skills teachers can display in their classrooms rather than on how long they spend listening to an instructor

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Digital Convergence

Is Ed Tech Really Working? 5 Core Tenets to Rethink How We Buy, Use, and Measure New Tools – The 74

- Education technology plays an essential role in our schools today. Whether the technology supports instructional intervention, personalized learning, or school administration, the successful application of that technology can dramatically improve productivity and student learning

Activating the Community to Support Education Innovation – Digital Promise

- Implementing reforms in a district, like eliminating grade levels in Kettle Moraine Middle School, is not a feasible task without community understanding

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

Leadership Competencies for Learner-Centered, Personalized Education – CCSSO/Jobs for the Future

- The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Jobs for the Future (JFF) have released Leadership Competencies for Learner-Centered, Personalized Education, a resource that serves as a first step in identifying the knowledge, skills, and dispositions leaders must master in order to build and sustain learner-centered, personalized schools and learning environments

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Study of Education Technology Finds Mixed Results – THE Journal